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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A CAPSULAR POLYSACCHARIDE FOR USE IN CONJUGATE VACCINES

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 18, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

An Appendix is attached following the signature page of this paper.